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An Account of Their

# MAJESTIES FLEET,

AND

Also of the *Turkey* Fleet of Merchant-Men,  
(Homeward-Bound.)

In a Letter from Aboard the Royal Sovereign,  
To a Friend in LONDON.

SIR,

17. July. 1691.  
I Had just now the good Fortune of meeting this opportunity to pay my Respects by this hasty Manuscript, and to give you this following Relation of our Fleet, and Homeward-bound *Turkey* Ships.

When our Fleet hover'd some small time off the Island of *Ushant* (as before from *Torbay*) I wrote you what slender account then offer'd.

We made little stay on the Coast, but stood as directly for *Cape Clear* as these lasting Westwardly Winds would permit, it lying about 15 Leagues to the Westward of *Kingsale*, the which we made Yesterday, and are just now fair by it, with 86 Battelling Ships of War, &c. (God be praised) in good order and health.

Just now to our very great satisfactions, we have a certain Account that 15 Sail of Men of War, two Fireships, and about 80 Merchant Ships arrived on the second Current at *Kingsale*, from *Turkey*, and other parts of the *Mediterranian*, and that they had been the Friday before in sight of the *French* Fleet (who fought them) and most fortunately took their Scout, escaping the danger (almost by a Miracle) in a thick Fog, to the Port above-said.

*Turveale* being cross'd in his expectation, through the loss of this Booty, we conclude is gone towards their own Coast, and will not dare to see us this Summer, if he can avoid it, for such a Fleet was never seen as we are like to come home with, I hope, to the great content of all the Nation. I am,

SIR,

Your very Affectionate

Kinsman, and humble  
Servant.

From on Board their Majesties Ship the Royal Sovereign, S.W.B.S. distant from *Cape Clear*, July 8th. 1691. Fair VVeather and little VVind at *W.S.W.* we are going to *Kingsale*.

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